

## BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK

**July 24, 2023**

**10.00 AM to 2:00 PM**

### MEETING AGENDA

#### In Person Meeting Notice

*HYBRID MEETING NOTICE Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board will have a hybrid schedule of in-person and virtual meetings. In-person meetings will resume in FY 2023, meeting dates can be found on the Board's webpage.*

*In-person meetings will be at 899 North Capitol Street, NE, 2nd Floor, Washington, DC 20002.*

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#### **BOSW Mission Statement:**

**"To provide oversight to licensed professionals and ensure the health and safety of citizens and visitors in the District of Columbia through the provision of health care services."**

**OPEN SESSION AGENDA July 24, 2023**

	<b><u>Roll Call</u></b>	VS
OS-0724-01	<b><u>Acceptance of the Open Session Agenda</u></b>	
OS-0724-02	<b><u>Executive Director’s Report:</u></b> A. Operational Status Update B. Licensure Census C. Legislative Updates	LH
OS-0724-03	<b><u>Chairperson’s Report:</u></b>	VS
OS-0724-04	<b><u>Boards Attorney’s Report:</u></b>	JD
OS-0724-05	<b><u>Open Session Minutes</u></b>  <b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes from the June 23, 2023, meeting.	
OS-0724-06	<b><u>Open Session Consent Agenda</u></b>  <b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Consideration of the applications approved for purposes of review and/or ratification of Board actions taken since the last Board meeting.  <b><u>Background:</u></b> The Consent Agenda is a record of the decisions and/or actions taken by the Board or its staff since the last meeting.	
OS-0724-07	<b><u>In Person CEUs for 2025 Renewals</u></b>  <b><u>Board Action:</u></b> To Consider returning to Pre-COVID CEU requirement however accepting Live interactive Webinars as in person CEUs.  <b><u>Background:</u></b> Pre-COVID the Board CEU requirement had been 40 hours of approved continuing education units including 6 hours of Ethics ( <b>must be done face to face; no online courses are accepted</b> ) 2 hours of LGBTQ training (this can be an online course) and 4 of the total required continuing education in Public Health Priorities.	

	<p><b>Only 12 hours out of the total 40 hours required could be completed online. The Board also recognized live webinars as online courses and not in person.</b> Due to the social distancing requirements for the COVID-19 Pandemic the Board for the last two renewal cycles waived the in-person CEU requirement till 7/31/2023. With the Deadline approaching the Board is required to decide on CEU requirement for the next renewal cycle.</p>	
OS-0724-08	<p><b><u>SW COMPACT</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> No Action Required</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> Ms. Adele Natter requested for this to be on the Agenda to hear the Boards questions and thoughts about the proposed Social Work Compact.</p>	
OS-0724-09	<p><b><u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> Pursuant to DC Official Code § 2-575(b), the Board will move into the Closed Executive Session portion of the meeting to discuss the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To consult with an attorney to obtain legal advice and to preserve the attorney-client privilege between an attorney and a public body, or to approve settlement agreements pursuant to § 2-575(b)(4)(a).</li> <li>2. Preparation, administration, or grading of scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examinations pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(6).</li> <li>3. To discuss disciplinary matters pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(9).</li> <li>4. To plan, discuss, or hear reports concerning ongoing or planned investigation of alleged criminal or civil misconduct or violations of law or regulations, if disclosure to the public would harm the investigation pursuant to section § 2-575(b) (14).</li> </ol>	

	The next meeting is scheduled for <u>July 24, 2023.</u>	
	<u>Open Session Board FYI only</u>	
OS-0724-10	<p><u>Endorsement Requirements/Reciprocity Pathway</u></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> The Board is to discuss and establish easier licensure pathways.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> In Attempt to provide easier pathways to licensure we are requesting each board to discuss and evaluate the following possibilities: Endorsement requirements, reciprocity pathways, and DMV reciprocity pathways.</p>	
OS-0724-11	<p><u>Request from Adele Nater</u></p> <p><b>Pending:</b> Board working on developing a policy guidance on Group Supervision.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> Ms. Natter on behalf of the Greater Washington Society has submitted a request for the Board to accept group supervision towards individual hours for clinical licensure. The DC Board’s policy has been group supervision are counted towards general supervision hours. The ASWB Model Law recommends that fifty percent of the required individual supervision hours towards clinical licensure can be completed via group supervision and the group supervision may contain no more than 6 supervisees.</p>	

OS-0724-12	<p><b><u>Ethical Concerns with DC Sexual Assault Victim’s Rights Amendment Act of 2019</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Discuss the potential impact the law will have on licensees.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> The Board received an email from Ms. Sherrod regarding the DC law on Teen advocates. The DC Sexual Assault Victims’ Rights Amendment Act of 2019 included the right to an advocate for 13 to 17-year-old youth in DC who have experienced sexual assault. For youth in this age range who were specifically impacted by peer-on-peer or stranger assault, the right to an advocate comes with an exemption to mandated reporting. A licensee would like the Board’s guidance since it had potential ethical implications on social workers.</p>	
OS-0724-13	<p><b><u>MOTION TO ADJOURN</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> To adjourn the meeting.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> At the end of every meeting, a motion to adjourn must be made in open session to close out the business of the Board.</p>	

**This ends the Open Session Agenda.**

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